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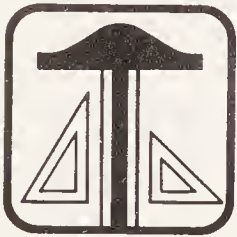
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Spanish navy midshipman training ship at its dock during the visit to San Francisco. The ship, Juan Sebastian de Elcano, is a classic 4-masted top sail schooner built in 1927, with square rigged for-mast. She carries 40 sails. The ship made its courtesy visit to the North Beach docks in April on a training cruise from Cadiz through the Panama Canal to San Francisco and back via New York.

President's Message

From Rod Freebairn- Smith

Since the last Semaphore your Board and Officers have broadened the Dweller's list of contributions to the Hill. Accompanying the usual political action work, THD's social functions and dinners continue to bring neighbors together. With fresh energy, the new Board members bring, we will work to widen THD's social programs, especially for the enjoyment of younger members.



Residential Rezoning

THD's eye on neighborhood and on waterfront development continues. Added this year is a residential rezoning proposal from the City Planning Department that could nurture

many small additions to housing over the entire Hill. The long term interests of both our property owning members and our tenant members focuses THD attention on this proposal. Contact Jordan Rosenberg with the Planning and Zoning Committee if you wish to help THD assess the changes this plan would bring.

Fisherman's Wharf

There's a lull in current efforts to upgrade the character of Fisherman's Wharf due to shifts in City and Redevelopment funding priorities, and to changing political winds with regarding reductions to tax revenues flowing into the city's General Fund. The appropriateness and the sometimes snail's pace of the Redevelopment Agency projects, particularly in a financially successful business district like the Wharf, is coming under scrutiny again. Development tax revenues might be "captured and held" in a special zone if a redevelopment project at the Wharf were created. Not everyone at City Hall would like to see those revenues remain north of Bay Street. Traditionally, strong economic areas such as the Wharf and Downtown, help pay for schools, libraries, and the like, with benefits spread throughout the entire city.

Pier 39 Aquarium

The new aquarium proposal continues to grind through design revisions, as the Bay Commission's public access and Bay protecting design criteria are applied. The Bay Commission (BCDC) is the Hill's ally in protecting Bay views and in seeking development of quality along the water's edge. The Hill Dwellers continue to support the aquarium in principle, and hope its long journey through the regulatory agencies will improve rather than compromise its design.



Ocean Cruise Ship Relocating

A threat to business at the Wharf and to views of maritime activity from the Hill is posed by relocation of the ocean cruise boats now moored at Piers 33 and 35. A competing moorage is currently proposed at Piers 30-32 under the Bay Bridge. If you like those big ships nearby, keep your opinion before the Mayor and Port Commissioners by writing to them.



Port Strategic Planning

Applause! How many years have you wished the Port of San Francisco would more clearly define its long range intentions for the use of the land and the piers below this Hill...and do the planning in full public view. It is to the credit of Mayor Agnos, Port Director Huerta, present and past Port Commissioners like Anne Halsted, Dr. Eugene Coleman, Jack Morrison and others to have begun strategic plan for all the Port lands and maritime activities. Among the first steps will be restructuring Port management internally with more emphasis on real estate development management. Though currently
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Polemics Over Freeway Dominate Annual Membership Dinner



Conversation with fellow Hill Dwellers



Basque/American food provides the calories



Discussing the issues



Speaker from Mayor's office outlines Freeway plan

Text and Photos By Diane Gaynor

At a lively Monday night meeting held April 9th at the Basque Hotel on Romolo Place, the Telegraph Hill Dwellers enjoyed a hearty family-style dinner, elected officers for the coming year, prepared for Earth Day 1990, and hotly debated both sides of the Embarcadero Freeway issue.

The Embarcadero Freeway is sometimes viewed by its detractors as an ugly, unstable sluiceway, spewing endless schools of cars, like desperate metal salmon struggling upstream to spawn, onto the stop-and-go streets of North Beach. The long-held THD position is that the Embarcadero Freeway should be replaced quickly with an attractive four-lane parkway, which could be built at a far lower cost than retrofitting the earthquake damaged elevated freeway.

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Membership Dinner....

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*1990-1991 officers
elected at meeting*

Those who favor repairing and reopening the existing elevated freeway as soon as possible, cite the negative impact closure has had on tourism and local small businesses. They argue that their loss of livelihood is directly attributable to the decrease in traffic into North Beach and Chinatown since the earthquake.

The fireworks began after dinner when Rod Freebairn-Smith introduced Larry Florin, Assistant to Mayor Agnos, to answer questions and clear up misconceptions about the Mayor's proposal to replace the freeway with an underground tunnel. It is estimated that such a project would cost \$120 million and take four years to complete. CalTrans says its studies indicate that a more accurate time frame for the project would be at least eight years. Opponents and proponents on the freeway issue agree is that such a massive, unnecessary outlay of time and money is less than ideal.

Mayor Agnos, citing voter resistance to demolition of the Embarcadero Freeway in 1987 to justify his current position, has warned that if his proposal was not adopted by the Board of Supervisors at its April 16, 1990 meeting, retrofitting of the existing freeway would begin in early May. Larry Florin urged THD members to show up the April 12th committee meeting of Supervisors Ward,

Gonzales and Kennedy, and let their voices be heard. Attendance was also encouraged at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 16th.

The most compelling argument for retrofitting was made by popular local restaurateur, Jeff Pollack who stated the official position of the North Beach Chamber of Commerce; that the existing freeway should be repaired as quickly as possible. A panel consisting of THD representatives and other interested parties can then make long-range plans for the freeway, he said. Mr. Pollack presented a impassioned case for local merchants in North Beach and Chinatown whose businesses have been severely impacted by closure of the freeway.

The meeting closed with the arguments of several members for and against tearing down the Embarcadero Freeway and giving the waterfront back to the people of San Francisco.

The THD have been campaigning for some time to have the freeway replaced with a surface road. Perhaps the activism of THD members paid off. A week after the THD meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted to raze the Embarcadero Freeway and replace it with either an underground or surface level roadway. The addition of this critical wording to the Mayor's proposal indicates that
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THD Committees 1990-91

PLEASE CONTACT COMMITTEE CHAIRS DIRECTLY IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF YOUR INTEREST OR HAVE INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP THEM IN THEIR WORK IN BETTERING THE TELEGRAPH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD.

Cookbook - June Fraps, Chair, 392-1187
Developing and testing recipes for a projected Telegraph Hill Dwellers' Cookbook.

Crime Prevention - Catherine Donnelly, Chair, 986-0472

Works with S.F. Police Dept. on problems in our area. Organizes SAFE neighborhood watch groups; participates in Police Community Relations Committee.

Environmental Control - CHAIRPERSON VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Deals with problems of illegal dumping of garbage and other waste; works with Departments of Public Works and Health seeking methods of control.

Landmarks - Rhoda Parks, Chair, 434-2482

Identifies, classifies, and works to protect buildings of historic interest on Telegraph Hill.

Membership - Catherine Donnelly, Chair, 986-0472

Works to make THD and its activities known in the neighborhood and to encourage membership in THD.

Neighborhood Liaison - Sue Cauthen, 391-0737, Pat Lorentzen, 781-0456, Co-Chairs

The Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods is a city-wide group of 51 neighborhood associations. Its purpose is to develop and lobby for positions which preserve the quality of life in S.F.

Northern Waterfront - Sherwood Stockwell 421-5109 & Rod Freebairn-Smith, 398-4094, Co-Chairs

This committee follows plans and developments on the Northern Waterfront from the Bay Bridge to the Golden Gate.

Parking, Traffic and Transit - Nancy Katz 986-1890 & Henry Cavigli, 956-1316, Co-Chairs

Works with the Board of Supervisors, the police, the permits bureau, and the Parking Authority to try to alleviate the chronic traffic and parking problems in the neighborhood. Monitors local MUNI service and schedules.

Parks and Trees - CHAIRPERSON VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Works to protect and develop green space; with Friends of the Urban Forest, arranges to plant trees.

Planning & Zoning - Jordan Rosenberg, Chair, 788-5338

Committee members assist in zoning matters, attending hearings, and presenting THD positions to appropriate civic bodies. The committee works with developers and the city to protect neighborhood integrity and character.

Semaphore Editor - Clyde Steiner, 398-8093

Our quarterly newsletter needs writers to research and write articles.

Semaphore Advertising Manager - Steve Hord, 781-1117

Help needed in contacting our advertisers who fund our printing bills.

Semaphore Business Manager - Eric Johnson

Social - Gerry Crowley, Chair, 781-4201 and 445-5547

Plans and hosts THD membership meetings, new member cocktail parties, the picnic and our Christmas party.

Watchdog - Board Members, Officers, and Volunteers

THD needs volunteers to attend public meetings of city commissions and other groups to gather information or to present a THD position.

Liaison, North Beach Action Committee - Virginia Sletteland, Chair, 781-4352

Provides information to Board of Directors on other community activity such as the BayView Housing Review Committee.

North Beach Street Fair

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THD will have a booth at the street fair again this year. We are looking for volunteers to staff the booth for an hour or two. Staffers are needed to pass out membership applications and to answer questions about THD. We meet many new neighbors at the fair and usually sign up about 25 new members each year. Call 986-0472.

For those who are new to the neighborhood, the North Beach Fair is our neighborhood street fair on Grant Ave. It features arts and crafts, music, and a variety of food

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Business.....

North Beach Style!

By Marsha Garland
North Beach Chamber of Commerce

100 MERCHANTS UNITED

For the first time in the history of North Beach, a cohesive merchants association has reached 100 in membership. The North Beach Chamber of Commerce, now one year old, is proud of the support it has gathered in its first year and looks to an equally successful second year.

TUNISIA ON BROADWAY

One of its members, La Forchetta at 536 Broadway (formerly Mamma Mia), has switched from Italian to Tunisian cuisine, reflecting the culture of its affable, charming and hard working owners Hichem (Tony) Sarouli and Richard Sidia. Good reviews are starting to come in with Jim Wood of the Examiner recently touting the delicious couscous.

ROMAN COFFEE

The Caffe Roma clan has, as most of you know by now, expanded its operation to include a coffee roasting company at 526 Columbus. Owner Sergio Azzollini relates that one of his first jobs in Italy was working for a friend's coffee roasting business.



As a very young man he developed a blend of beans that truly pleased the discriminating Italian customers and it's that blend Sergio has recreated for the Caffe Roma Coffee Roasting Company. His energetic partner/son, Tony Azzollini, runs the business selling not only the aromatic, gentle roast but also dispensing excellent espressos and cappuccini, as well as the ultimate in biscotti and coffee paraphernalia.

North Beach Style...

MUSIC TO THE EAR

Also new on the Avenue is The Magic Flute at 756 Columbus, a used record store that sells everything from Mozart to Miles -- Davis. The Magic Flute has replaced The Hawaii Store, which after a valiant effort closed its doors several months ago.

CHICKEN SOUP

Nearby at 752 Columbus is the Petite Deli, a tiny deli and sandwich shop run by Dariush Rezai, a warm, bear hug kind of man who truly understands the culinary arts. The gifted Dariush produces remarkable food in the tiniest imaginable space and a special trip there for lunch is truly warranted.



ing tastes as good as Dariush's homemade chicken soup.

Everything at the Petite Deli is fresh, fresh, fresh, with a variety of delicious salads -- red potato, pasta with seasonal vegetables and the popular Greek salad, a melange of feta cheese, olives, pepperoncini, fresh mint and basil, cucumbers, and tomatoes. The house dressing is unique and comes across as a sprightly lemon/mustard blend. In addition to daily specials, there's always Norwegian smoked salmon, a genuine New York pastrami, and the very popular fresh mozzarella, basil and tomato on sliced sour dough, Dari's chicken (superb), and falafel. And to top things off, there's an excellent supply of unusual juices, soft drinks and mineral waters.

Dariush, who came to North Beach four years ago, was born in Iran, went to school in England and came to the United States in the Sixties where he went to USC's cinema school. In fact,
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Planning and Zoning Report

By Jordan Rosenberg, Chair

PLANNING MEET

Wednesday, May 2nd, Telegraph Hill Dwellers, along with Russian Hill Neighbors and North Beach Neighbors, met with the staff of the city Planning Commission to discuss the new zoning regulations that the staff is about to propose to the commission.

Denise Hinkle was kind enough to make available the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center for our meeting. The meeting was well attended with, by my count, about 75 to 100 members of the neighborhood organizations present.

The staff provided a detailed, clear, and articulate presentation of the new proposals. Not to be outdone, the audience provided a detailed, clear, and articulate presentation of their concerns.

Three in particular stick in my memory. First was the issue of building bulk and massive surfaces, especially on sloping lots. Second was the issue of parking. Is it sufficient to require only one space per unit in new buildings? Third was the issue of notice of new projects. Who should be notified, how should the notice be given, and when in the process should it take place?

MALT FACTORY

The Malt Factory project seems to be going forward with Telegraph Hill Dwellers urging the developers to include 25% of the units as affordable housing and the developer insisting that the economics of the project won't allow for that. Thanks to Deputy Mayor Brad Paul for meeting with us and supporting our efforts. This is perhaps the sixth attempt to build on that site. The development has its positive aspects not the least of which is that we could use additional housing. And it seems a better thought out and more attractive proposal than the previous ones. If we

proceed carefully it may be possible to have the project go forward and still get the affordable housing.



ROMOLO CONDO

There is an 8 unit condominium planned for the corner of Vallejo and Romolo (now a parking lot). It would include both residential and commercial parking on the lower three levels. The commercial parking feature of the project raised some objection because access on Vallejo threatened unacceptable levels of traffic on Vallejo, Grant, Green, and Kearny. A compromise is being negotiated to resolve those problems. This project also includes an additional 3 units in the adjacent building which would be affordable housing. This 3 to 8 ratio is considered a preferable ratio of affordable to total units.

NO HOTEL

A 49 room hotel was proposed for the corner of Powell and Stockton, site of an old bakery. This major project has been dropped by the developer.

LEVI AIRCONDITIONING

Levi Strauss plans a backup power generator for their computer operation at Levi Plaza. The prospect of horrible noises led your committee members to visit the Sansome site. The Levi Strauss representatives were both cooperative and reassuring. The peak noise, according to one of their outside engineering studies, will be less than that created by existing vents and fans. Furthermore, most of the machinery will be enclosed in the existing building with only a small additional duct and vent visible on the roof. If this turns out to be all there is to it, then our concerns may be eased.

VIEWS

A new building proposed for 20 La Ferrara will inevitably block some existing views. We met with the developers who presented models and diagrams of the proposed building. The developers agreed to

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reorient a sizeable roof structure to reduce the effect on views from the buildings across the street.

JAZZ

There is a proposal to reopen Wolfgang's as a classical Jazz club by Steve Dobbins, the owner of the Zephyr, Cannery, Waterfront, and Mason Street theaters. The club has a capacity of 800 and parking for 300 cars is proposed.

NEW MEMBERS

The Planning and Zoning Committee has a number of new members that have contributed to our work on these projects. Thanks go to Bob Ilse, Tim Brenneman, Lisa Byrne, Roberta D'Anneo, and Bruce Collier. Also Linda Toan and Richard Twohy assisted in getting those beautifully colored meeting announcements to you.

If you would be willing to work on one of the committee's projects or if you are available for phoning or entering data into a computer or whatever, then please let me know by phoning 788-5338. Thank you.

Dinner...

while the war is by no means over, an important battle has been won.

The annual THD meeting also approved the newly-elected officers and directors who were introduced by President Rod Freebairn-Smith. present.

To prepare for Earth Day, Jim Miller of the Environmental Committee encouraged members to sign up. Plastic garbage bags were made available for those who wished to celebrate Earth Day by tidying up a this small part of the world.

The Basque Hotel logo, featuring a stylized 'S' inside a circle, is positioned in the upper left. Below it, the text 'Basque family style dinners', 'luncheons for groups', '15 Romolo place', 'SAN FRANCISCO', and '(415) 788 9404' is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right, a map shows the hotel's location at the intersection of Broadway, Columbus, and Kearny streets. Arrows indicate directions: 'to fisherman's wharf' (up Broadway), 'tunnel' (left on Broadway), 'ROMOLO' (up Columbus), 'COLUMBUS', 'KEARNY', and 'to freeway bay bridge and 101' (right on Kearny). A dashed line indicates the 'financial district' area. The text 'Uphill alley off Broadway between Columbus & Kearny', 'Great place for parties', 'Residential hotel', and 'Full bar' is written along the bottom right. The initials 'F&ML' are in the top right corner.

Noise Cut Ordered For Bentley's Embarcadero Disco



By Kitty Donnelly

Bentley's Embarcadero Restaurant at 1800 Montgomery has been cited for excessive noise. At the April 24th Police Department hearing on the dance hall permit, Bentley's was found in violation of the noise abatement laws and instructed to make changes to decrease the noise.

Residents of Wharf Plaza and Telegraph Landing appeared at the hearing petitioning for the revocation of the dance hall permit, testifying to excessive street noise (loud talking, loud music), traffic congestion and noise, and litter left by the patrons of Bentley's. THD appeared supporting the residents, as did homeowners from 101 Lombard. Because Bentley's had not been given

advance notice of the residents' complaints, the hearing was continued until May 22nd. However, the representatives of the residents were allowed to state their complaints.

Spurred by the nature and number of complaints, and the number of residents involved, Captain Winter issued interim conditions for Bentley's:

1. Bentley's will change disco entrance and exits from Montgomery Street to a side door at 8:30 pm;
2. Bentley's will hire two additional private security patrolmen to be stationed at the corners of Francisco and Kearny and Chestnut and Montgomery between 1:30 and 2:30 am Thursday to Saturday;
3. Bentley's will attempt to obtain valet parking at the Chevron Station on the Embarcadero;
4. Bentley's will advertise valet parking in its promotional material;
5. Bentley's will extend trash pickup in the vicinity of the restaurant.
6. Bentley's will provide a "hotline" number to residents to report problems (986-1182).
7. Parking on Kearny Street next to Wharf Plaza, will be restricted with adjusted hours, to residential sticker autos. Other agencies and departments (Parking, Port Authority, Traffic) will be consulted prior to the May 22 hearing.

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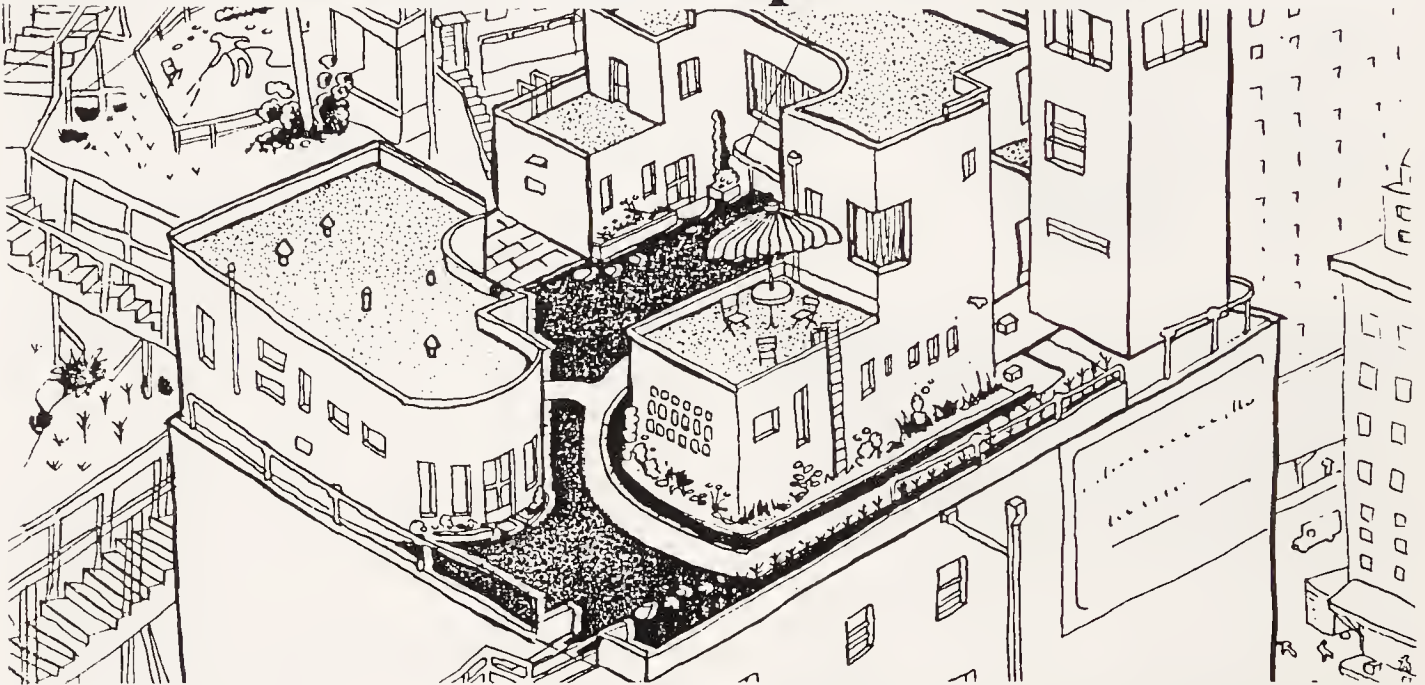
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The Penthouse That PopCorn Built



by Bob Matthews

Whoever said there was no money in popcorn?

Certainly it wasn't Henry G. "Wally" Walters or his wife, Estelle DeBacca Walters. Back in 1947, they decided to build a two story penthouse complex complete with gardens and guest cottage atop their popcorn factory at 1301 Sansome Street, just at the bottom of the Filbert steps.

It is unclear how Mr. Walters became involved in the business of providing movie-goers with products to munch on while watching their favorite stars on the silver screen. The facts I can dig up indicate that Mr. Walters was the radio operator on the USS Memphis that carried Col. Charles E. Lindbergh back from Europe after his historic solo, trans Atlantic flight in 1927.

Sometime later, Walter showed up in Shanghai as an employee of the American Tobacco Company. When World War II broke out, he, along with hundreds of other ex-patriots were shipped back to the U.S.

Winding up in San Francisco, he bought the Hazlitt Warehouse on Sansome Street and converted it into a popcorn factory. This insight into providing munchies for theater-goers may have been prompted by the rationing of sugar and chocolate during World War II.

Lacking any candy to nibble and munch on during the movie, something had to be provided that could satisfy those oral needs at such a critical time. Bingo, popcorn! Whether he was a true

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Popcorn...

pioneer in the industry I do not know. Whether he actually popped the first popcorn is probably doubtful.

He soon earned the sobriquet of Popcorn King. A 1948 feature article with photographs of the penthouse complex in San Francisco Life codified the title.

Construction of a luxury penthouse atop a warehouse, in the then industrial district at the base of Telegraph Hill, was result of dual stimuli -- the financial success of the popcorn business and the urge to find suitable and comfortable housing for Mr. and Mrs. Walters.

After scouting around San Francisco, down the Peninsula and over in Marin, Mrs. Walters said one day, "Why don't we build a house on the roof?" Well, The idea caught the fancy of Wally Walters and his bookkeeper, Bartlett Williamson, who was also an architect.

EPA reports, building codes and other bureaucratic morass of today's building industry were nowhere near as complex in those less complex times. With plans in hand, Wally set out to clear the roof and erect the pouring forms. Hill Dwellers, aghast at what they saw, protested, but renigged when they found out the factory was not expanding -- the new construction was for a residence.

The complex has no look of the industrial, even though you enter through the old freight elevator. The main house -- sometimes called Penthouse East, is a 4500 sq ft, two-level, two-bedroom, two bath residence. The first floor has a 52 foot long living room/dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms. Above this, with spectacular views from Alcatraz to the Ferry Building, is the "rum-pus room", designed for the parties Wally and Estelle loved to hold.

Connecting the main penthouse to the guest house is a lovely flagstone walk curving gently through a lush lawn with flower boxes, rose
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Popcorn...

bushes, shrubbery and lemon trees finishing out the 4,000 sq ft of landscaping.

The guest house is 1,250 sq ft. Again the emphasis is on space. There is one bedroom, and a kitchen, but the majority of the space dedicated to the living/dining room with a view to the San Rafael bridge.

Visitors to these unique residences quickly surmise that the two houses are San Francisco showpieces. A time of transition is upon the property, as Mrs. Walters died in June, 1989, and the will stipulates that the property be sold to satisfy the estate. Some new owners are in the wings, and it is not known what the fate of the property will be once they take over. It is almost certain, however,

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that the building will remain, with only a few modifications.

In 1948, when the penthouse complex was completed, there was an enormous amount of publicity given to this unique property. Publications as varied as Popular Mechanics, San Francisco Life, The Argonaut, Opera and Concert Magazine, and Sunday Bonanza (a magazine insert in the San Francisco Chronicle) gave ample coverage of the property. My guess is that this will all be repeated as a new owner customizes this one-of-a-kind property for his/her particular needs/uses. The only thing needed is a healthy imagination as the foundation is here.

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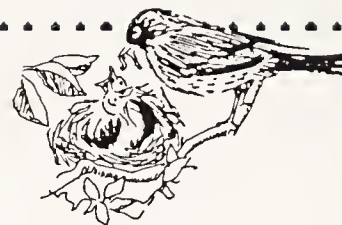
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The Backyard Birder

By Cheryl Bentley



As most birds head to northern breeding grounds, summer is the time to get to know our year-round residents. The ignorant often classify these feathered fellows as sparrows, but in reality there are as many sparrows as races of humans.

In our area, the most common is the brown-bibbed house sparrow--not, in fact, a sparrow at all, but a weaver finch, a family which often creates intricate nests. However, our neighbor is more up on street smarts--he often drives competitors from his territory--than craftsmanship. His nests are haphazard affairs.

Vying with him for numbers is the house finch. Males have red heads and chests; females are brown with delicate streaks. Song usually ends with trills sweeping upward and stopping midstream.

Another abundant bird here is the white-crowned sparrow. He is large with black stripes on a white head. You often hear the male's rich song at dawn. The white-crowned speaks in dialogues--our neighbors on the Hill, for instance, have an accent different from their East Bay cousins.

While these guys might not be as exciting as once-in-a-lifetime looks at migrants, they are more satisfying, offering daily glimpses into their lives. In some mysterious way, they put you in touch with the rhythms of the earth.

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The Basque Hotel

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By Helen von Ammon

"Onqui ethorri Euskaldun Hotel erat."
Welcome to The Basque Hotel.

Taking a shortcut to Broadway, often I wondered what was behind the austere brown, wooden doors of The Basque Hotel, 15 Romolo Place. Recently I learned there are some 3,000 Basques in San Francisco although many have moved to other areas, and that the Basque language is related to no other.

I was one of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers who recently filled to busting the dining room of The Basque Hotel. Decibel level was high with table hoppers, differences of opinions, speeches, arguments, and food. Lots of food. Plenty of flavorful soup, chicken and roast beef; hot French fries; salad crisp and cold; a glass of red or white; spumoni full of delicious nuggets; coffee black and hot. It was good, and a bargain at the price.

On a subsequent visit the dining room had fewer, but equally eclectic diners. From a birthday party at the far end of the room cheerily came the inevitable, "Haaaaapy Birthday to yooooooo, etc.;" a regular, solitary diner near the bar studiously cut items from the newspaper he read while tucking in an ample dinner. A nearby couple held hands and looked so happy they couldn't possibly have been married.

Jean-Emile Idiart came to San Francisco in 1979 from the Pyrenees Mountains area of France, to which he returns once each year. He has been in the restaurant business since he was 16 years old and is a French culinary school graduate. Five years ago he left his position as chef in San Francisco's financial district to purchase The Basque Hotel.

A favorite for lunch or dinner parties of

fifteen or more, last week's reservations included a wedding rehearsal party, a high school group, and a bachelor party. He cooks for special parties, but in his usual role as keeper of the full-service bar, Jean-Emile remains alert to the dining room and waits on tables if necessary. His wife, Rebecca, works in the restaurant when it is especially busy.

Open every evening except Monday, the restaurant normally serves 350-400 dinners a week. The menu, different each day, of chicken, beef, duck leg, leg of lamb, sweetbreads, oxtail stew, red snapper and trout, is posted outside the door.

Fewer visitors are expected in the winter season, but now, we are into the summer and business remains miserably slow. Jean-Emile believes that the earthquake of October 17 and the freeway closure are the cause.

While he is grateful that there was no physical earthquake damage, he is apprehensive of his restaurant's future if the slowness continues.

The Basque Hotel really is a residential hotel, probably better known to Europeans than to San Franciscans, since it is written about in German, Spanish and Swiss guidebooks. There are 19 rooms, on the second and third floors. Prices range from \$75 to \$110 a week, with double bed, bathroom down the hall. I looked at a small room, with wash basin, two ubiquitous prints on opposite walls. Freshly painted in cream and pale blue, it's not designer elegance, but clean and light; a room I would have appreciated as a world traveler when I was many pounds, wrinkles and years lighter.


Chef, bartender, waiter, carpenter, painter. Not just an asset, it is essential that
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Basque

Jean-Emile be capable of handling the myriad demands of the restaurant-hotel. Not much time remains for his favorite sport, jai alai, which he plays in South San Francisco. His brown eyes light with a smile as he remembers "seeing stars," when he was hit on the head by the small jai alai ball, hard as wood. Jai alai accouterments, the long, narrow, wicker basket which is strapped to the player's wrist, paddles and balls are displayed on the wall of the restaurant, along with the Basque flag and a map showing the Provinces. Jai alai, an extremely fast court game, originated in Basque Provinces, and remains arcane to

most of us. The Basque translation: jai, festival + alai, joyous. It is avidly played in the Philippines, Spain, Latin America and its popularity has spread to Japan and other countries.

Spare yourself the angst of traffic turmoil, kamikaze parking pilots, surly maitre d's, ransom-sized tabs for teeny trickles of your favorite pour whilst awaiting your reserved table. Reservations. You won't need them at The Basque Hotel. So boogie on down, the walk will sharpen the big appetite you'll need. No plastic nor checks, please, but the tap on your wallet will be so light you won't need to stop by the ATM before you waddle back up the hill. Bon Appetit!



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EARTH DAY IS CLEAN DAY



A small swarm of Hill Dwellers met in the streets on Saturday morning, April 21st. The clean up volunteers enjoyed Susan Royce's home-made coffee cake at the corner of Kearny and Vallejo, then set out trash hunting after instruction on the subtleties of DPW's collection equipment from Jim Miller.

Bankers, attorneys, writers and carpenters spread through the streets of the Hill for a morning of humble stooping and scooping.

One good turn evokes others, and the owners of the hardware store at Vallejo and Grant spontaneously offered plastic trash bags for the effort.

If your block seemed a little kinder, a little cleaner on Earth Day, thank a neighbor, and join in next time. Cleaning up after your friends can provide oddly humorous moments, and chance meeting with neighbors.

Henry Cavigli painted out graffiti on the Montgomery Street stairs and other highly visible spots around the hilltop. Trash was collected in white bags left at street corners where DPW trucks made swift work of the mess collected.

The Hill Dwellers particularly want to thank Marge ave, Paul Gottlober, Diana Rhodes, Judy Sager, Pat Lorentzen, Kitty Donnelly, Katie Torchio, Bernie Meyerson, Beth Rasler, Alan Graves, Robbie D'Anne, Connie Buckner, Carole Wagner, Rod Freebairn-Smith, Susan Royce, Henry Cavigli, Jim Miller and all the others who worked so diligently.

THD Environmental committee members were so impressed with the improvements that twenty folks can accomplish in three hours that they will consider making this a regular (first Saturday of the month?) Hill event. In this and other small but measurable ways we can stretch Earth Day into Earth Year.

TELEGRAPH HILL CRIME STATISTICS

1989 vs, 1890

By Catherine Donnelly

TYPE	FEB. - APRIL		%
	1989	1990	
Homicide	0	0	
Rape	1	0	
Robbery	10	7	
Assault	19	28	
Burglary	44	42	
Theft	161	97	
Auto Theft	28	42	
Other	190	189	




TOTAL 453 405 -10.6%

TOTAL MAJOR* 263 216 -17.9%

*Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Grand/Petty Theft, Auto Theft, Purse Snatch

Crime statistics for our area show a drop of almost 11% in major crimes over the same period a year ago. This is good news, but it doesn't mean there are no problems. Remember to lock your doors, windows and autos even if you are going to be away for just a short period of time.

Two THD members are working on setting up neighborhood watch (SAFE) groups for their blocks, not only to prevent crime but also to have a neighborhood group in place should we have another emergency like the October earthquake. This is an excellent idea. Should you wish to set up a SAFE group in your area please call Catherine Donnelly at 781-3761.



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Montgomery Street Rebuild

By Wells Whitney

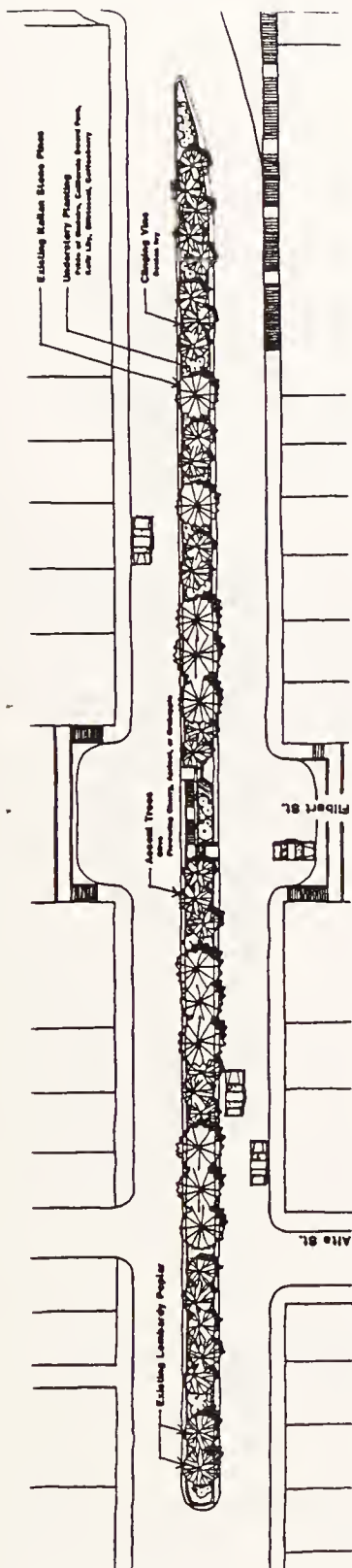
On May 7, 1990, fifty neighborhood residents met with engineer Joe Ovadia and other DPW representatives to discuss the Upper Montgomery street reconstruction project.

The meeting at the Shadows Restaurant voted to recommend:

1. Only 6 trees be removed from the center island and that they be replaced immediately with cherry and olive trees;
2. Only lower Montgomery street undergo a complete reconstruction to repair the sewer line;
3. Only repaving will take place on upper Montgomery street.

The DPW estimates funding will be available for the project by March 1991 and that construction by private contractor will take 10 work weeks.

A joint task force of DPW, Jeff Pollack, and Wells Whitney was named to address further concerns of parking, traffic flow and fire access during the construction. Joe Ovadia can be reached at the DPW (554-9185) and Wells Whitney at (398-5077).



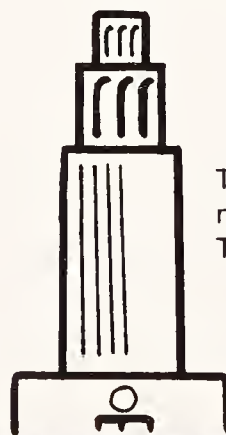
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North Beach Style...

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Dariush's kitchen is a successful mixture of many cultures -- Persian, Italian, Californian, Greek. "I try to go beyond basic," says Dariush when asked about his culinary style. Engage him in a conversation and you'll soon find out that fine food equates to fine art for Dariush. And for those of you who entertain at home, the good news is that Dariush caters private parties. [Phone: 398-1682.]

MARIO LANZA FOOD

Ristorante Franchino at 347 Columbus is North Beach's latest Italian restaurant and the next stop for the North Beach Palateers. Owner Francesco Nozzolino was formerly a chef at Little Joe's.

It's a delightful, friendly place with Francesco bursting into song at every opportunity. He's especially fond of Mario Lanza and it's wonderful hearing Lanza's sweet voice filling the dining room.

NAVY DISCOUNTS

A special bond has been formed between North Beach and the Navy League, an auxiliary organization that provides support and social settings for all marine personnel no matter whether they serve in the Navy or on the Bay's tugboats. North Beach is always the leading neighborhood in welcoming marine personnel during Fleet Week and plans are being made to develop a special program called "Every Week is Fleet Week in San Francisco". Not only do North Beach merchants put out the welcome mat, they also offer discounts to uniformed personnel.

Recently the USS Valley Forge was berthed in San Francisco and a reception was held on board honoring those merchants who had generously wel-

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comed marine personnel during Fleet Week '89. One of those merchants was Angelo Pirrone of Mona Lisa Restaurant at 720 Columbus. So popular is the Mona Lisa with the officers and crew that the USS Valley Forge has formally adopted the restaurant as its very own.

HOT LINE HELP

The North Beach Chamber of Commerce now has a hot line - 673-2522 - and will gladly give information about businesses in North Beach, where to find this and that, from antique Toby Jugs to capretto at Easter, as well as recommendations for dining for all palates and purses.

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LIBRARY NEWS

By Dick Shouse,
Branch Library Manager

The North Beach Public Library has two new staff, Dick house, Branch Manager and Eileen Wampole, Children's Librarian. They join full-time staff, Albert Spence, Adult Librarian and Jordan Lee, Library Technician. All hill dwellers are invited to come and visit.

The library is located at 2000 Mason St.
(391-9473). Hours are:

Mon, Tues 10am - 6pm

Wed 1pm - 9pm

Thurs, Fri
1pm - 6pm

Sat, Sun closed

THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Books are a delightful society. If you go into a room filled with books, even without taking them down from their shelves, they seem to speak to you, to welcome you" -- William E. Gladstone

If you love suspense and mystery, get out your sleuthing gear and look for these titles;

Len Deighton, of Berlin Game, Mexico Set, fame London Match has published the "line", Spy Line of his hook, line and sinker series. Spy is the first of the series.

Sue Grafton is up to the letter "G" in her series. "A" is for Alibi, "B" is for Burglar, "C" is for corpse, "D" is for....

My favorite, E.X. Giroux has published, A Death For A Double, which is the eighth in the series. In this series the victim is always a "D" word. Clue: Col. Mustard, in the parlor, with the rope.

Don't overlook: P.D.James, Devises & Desires; Dick Francis, Straight; Martha Gilman, The Old Silent



If you hate suspense and mystery, these new non-fiction works may fit:

Emperor of America by Richard Condon is a satire on American politics. Kevin Starr, a former City Librarian has published the third volume in his California Series - Material Dreams:

Southern California Through The 1920's.

The Best of San Francisco is Don & Betty Martin's updated guide to restaurants, clubs, pubs, parlors (massage), hike routes, bike routes, and lots more. The Martins are travel writers who relied on "an expert group of their city-savvy friends" in selecting the ten best in each category.

Unauthorized biographer, Jerry Oppenheimer put pen to paper and we have Barbara Walters: An Unauthorized Biography. It rattles the skeletons in a celeb's closet.

London Fields is a love triangle by Martin Amis, the son of Kingsley Amis, who commented that his son's books are "writerly", but he's never finished reading one.

Earth Day enthusiast, this one is for you; Fire & Ice: The Greenhouse Effect, Ozone Depletion & Nuclear Winter by David E. Fisher.

"If" again.... if these don't grab you, come on down to the library and poke around. If we don't have it, we'll get it for you.

Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center Report

By Denise Hinkel, Director

The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center at 600 Lombard has a full schedule of activities to keep kids busy and adults fulfilled this summer. Call Tel-Hi for more information at the phone numbers listed below:

Children's Center: SUMMER KIDS CLUB for kids 5-9 yrs. old hours are 10a.m. - 5 p.m with extended hours available. Lots of field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, story telling, cooking. For information call 421-6444.

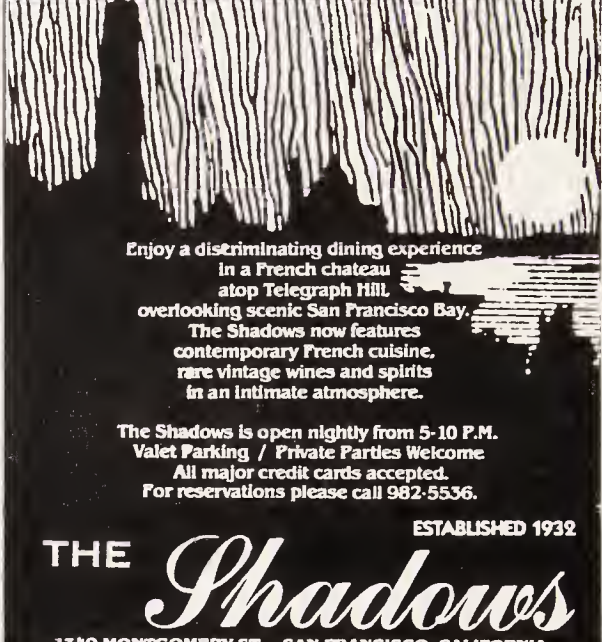
SUMMER FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Extension of regular preschool program - hours available: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Field trips, arts and crafts, music, special projects. For information call 421-6444.

YOUTH PROGRAM: Geared to kids 10 years and up. Open recreation program, arts and crafts, swimming. One week at Camp in LaHonda.

SENIOR CENTER: Lunch five days per week. Bingo Fridays, knitting, sewing, Tai Chi, field trips, especially to Reno. Hours 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Surplus food giveaway site for the elderly once a month. For information call 421-6443.

MEDICAL CENTER: Open six days per week. Drs. Fong and Rebiero. For appointments call 421-6441.

CENTENNIAL DINNER: Tel-Hi will hold its Annual Dinner on September 14, 1990 to celebrate its Centennial Year. The Dinner/Dance will be at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club




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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Gerry Crowley

Tentative plans have been made to hold our next New Members cocktail party at the Helmand Restaurant on Broadway on Sunday July 15th. Afghani hors d'oeuvres will be featured.



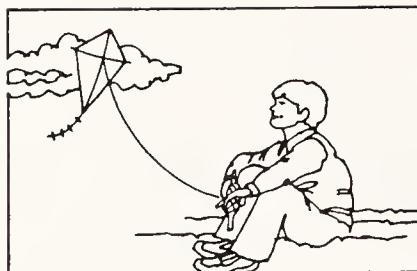
The annual All San Francisco Night sponsored by the Symphony will be held on Thursday, September 27th. Tickets for this sell-out event may be reserved by sending a check payable to Gerry Crowley for \$7.00 per ticket to 1808 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94133, no later than July 16th.

Your next general membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27th. The location will be announced in a mailing two weeks prior to the dinner.

It seems appropriate at this time to remind members of the importance of making timely reservations for the dinner meetings and the please cancel reservations when unable to attend. Many restaurants require that we guarantee the number of attendees which means that your dues pay for the "no-shows". Treasury funds that could be better used for other purposes on the Hill.

THD 1990-1991 CALENDAR

June 16-17	Grant Avenue Street Fair
July 15	Cocktail Party for New Members
August 27	General Membership Dinner
September 27	San Francisco Night at Symphony
September 30	Coit Tower Picnic
October 14	Cocktail Party for New members
November 12	General Membership Dinner
December 9	Christmas Party
February 4	General Membership Dinner
March 17	Cocktail Party for New Members
April 8	General Membership Dinner &



CITY KIDS SUMMER FUN

IN THE ACT

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NATURE IN THE CITY

Five summer nature expeditions for kindergarten through sixth grade kids are planned by the Quest Unlimited school in San Francisco. The first trip, "Salt Marsh Critters I Have Known", explores the city mud flats. Other week long trips include ferry rides and balloon experiments. Call 992-0736 for information on the five trips.

GIANTS BASEBALL CAMP

Rob Andrews teaches baseball techniques to boys 8 to 12 at a camp sanctioned by the S.F. Giants. The little league pros meet at Sea Cloud Park in Foster City. Telephone 935-3505.

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Summer Books for Kids

By Eileen Wampole
Children's Librarian



All children 13 and under are invited to "Be a Bookpacker" and sign up for the 1990 Summer Reading Program which will run from June 15 to August 15 at the North Beach and all other Public Library branches.

Registrants will receive an Owl clip book and a list of suggested nature and outdoor books. The book list is only a guide. Participants may choose any book they want to read; the book list has ample space for write-in selections.

After reading four books, children receive a colorful raccoon button. The raccoon is reading a book, of course! After eight books, they choose a bigger prize from a menu. They also receive an official certificate.

This year the San Francisco Unified School District is co-sponsoring the program, and public school students can bring their book lists back to school in the fall for additional recognition.

The library has other programs for children this summer, including:

Film program days are the third Tuesday of each month. The next one is Tuesday June 19th. "Definitely for the Birds", is the program for pre-schoolers. The three films star real pelicans, a silly goose named Petunia, and a cast of talented penguins in the story of Cinderella. Young bird watchers should come to one of our showings at 10, 10:30, 11, or 2:30.

Also on Tuesday June 19th at 3:45, there will be a video program for children over 5 years old.

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Every Tuesday morning at 10:15, other than film Tuesdays, children up to three years old and their parents are invited to the infant-toddler lapsit program for stories, rhymes, and songs. At 11:00 there is a storytime for pre-schoolers (ages 3-5).

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More Than A Bead, Button, and Bangle

By Helen von Ammon

Often I walked past the tiny shop especially to enjoy the old, carved wooden horse in the window. I thought of how splendidly it pranced long ago on a Massachusetts merry-go-round. One day it was gone..sold to an Oregon woman who appreciated its age and beauty. I felt bereft. On a recent early Spring morning, I really looked in the window on each side of the unimposing entrance, and mentally cataloged the eclectic contents. Sandwiches between a one-stop launderette and a matte-black garage door, Yone Inc., at 478 Union Street, hardly looks like a resource known to creative women and men throughout the world.

Among the treasures, each longing to tell its story, are doll fetish earrings, spirit shield sun catcher, an ancient thermometer which doesn't register temperature but declares, sic, "NR to-night tomorrow alright." A beautiful flowered chandelier of glass and crystal hangs in each window. In back of one chandelier, a large celadon teapot is suspended in limbo. Beneath a large, silver-colored sculpture which incorporates Christmas ornaments, rhinestones, and an enigmatic face, is a stack of flowered European plates and a Chinese bowl with free-form fish design. Two white ceramic Pillsbury Doughboy-like figures seem no more incongruous than the calipers and knife, too rusted with age to be useful or harmful. A small, motionless carousel rests near a child's dress form which, logically, supports several strings of beads. Additional objects in the windows, varying in esteem, are overlooked in a surfeit of loose beads which glitter colorfully in neatly compartmented trays.

BEADS! Big beads, tiny beads. Beads of glass, brass, quartz, granite and tiger-eye, silver and ceramic. Beads from Africa, Austria, Czechoslovakia, India, Italy, Peru, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the United States. To anyone knowledgeable about beads, Yone is the

source, attracting collectors, designers and dabblers from Denmark, France, Switzerland, Boston and Fremont.

Originally the shop was a co-operative concerned mainly with Japanese crafts. As the artisans went in different directions, Hermon Baker, interested in design and theater, remained. Yone, his background strong in art from Honolulu, Mexico and New York, worked with fashion shows and designed one-of-a-kind clothes. Ruth Asawa's sculpture, created before her national recognition, hangs in the store almost unnoticed, a reminder that Yone made her gown for the opening reception at New York's Museum of Modern Art. His dress designs were elegantly simple and accessorized with beads.

During a 37-year metamorphosis, Yone Inc. became the first real bead store where customers could see, handle and select loose beads from one cent to \$125 for an antique Venetian bead more than 100 years old. Yone supplies beads to third-generation clients, and was the catalyst for numerous customers who opened their own bead stores. Formerly, the bead buyer selected from a chart in an agent's office, surely an ungratifying experience. Part of the joy of beads is their tactility.

Entering Yone's for the first time, an awesome inventory of 8,000 to 10,000 separate types of beads is intimidating. The atmosphere is quiet, save for beads chinking into compartmented trays as customers intently make selections. Occasionally, the dazzling array overwhelms a newcomer. Mr. Baker gently assists and makes suggestions. He may advise that the necklace should contain quiet "restful" beads to set off interesting, colorful ones. Books and pamphlets are available to help the inexperienced designer.

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Buttons...

Every centimeter of wall and ceiling space is used and a large, ornate, gilded mirror is almost obfuscated by strings of beads. Atop showcases filled with beads in trays, are more compartmented trays, contents clearly priced.

Creative..colorful.....confusing? A staggering inventory problem? On the contrary. Merchandise is arranged by number and alphabetical letter, similar to a library with millions of beads. Floor to ceiling the walls are lined with small boxes of beads, each with a number or letter and a sample bead on the front.

Less and less really good glass beads are available. They take time to make, artisans have died, and contemporary artists make more money from art glass vases, bowls. Single beads are only a sideline. Beads from Austria are unusual and expensive; silver beads from Sri Lanka and Thailand, often copies of ancient native designs, are \$30 each. Many African traders and other vendors come to the store to sell beads and it is difficult to choose among them. Predominately, Yone deals with bead merchants in New York where most of them are located.

Yone's name (pronounced Yone, "Yoneh") in archaic Japanese, means "polished rice." Hermon Baker was named after the Holy Land's highest mountain, Mt. Hermon. Two dichotomous-sounding names. Yet, these creative men, for many years--perhaps nebulously, have steadily and quietly brought pleasure to myriad lives by providing unusual wares and a world-class collection of beautiful beads.

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Board of Directors' Report

By Kathleen Cannon

Motions Passed

March

That THD support the neighbors' desire for open access through the parking lot of the School of Commerce yard and support the school's efforts to resolve late night problems.

April None.

May

That the Board of Directors of THD obtain general liability and professional liability insurance coverage at the most reasonable cost. To recommend denial of a cabaret permit for The Stone.

To oppose a white zone for Calzoni's

That the Port Commission postpone or include Pier 35 in their economic feasibility study on cruise ship docking.

To reaffirm support for Pier 35 as the terminal (or in combination with pier 33) unless it can be demonstrated conclusively that Pier 35 cannot handle the ships and that Piers 30/32 provide advantages at no cost to the city.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Port Authority has a proposal to build a new hotel and cruise terminal on one pier and sailing center and another hotel on piers 24/26. An initiative is planned for November to ban all waterfront hotels.

EDITORIAL SHREDS

By Clyde Steiner, Semaphore Editor



FILBERT TREES

The fruit trees at the top of the Filbert Steps are only temporarily missing. They were fodder for a contractor's bulldozer in April.

Immediate action by neighbors and the THD has goading all concerned parties to replace the shade trees at the development site before the condo construction is completed.

THE BICYCLES ARE COMING

North Point and the Embarcadero should see thousands of sweating cyclists completing the last leg of this year's "Great San Francisco Bike Adventure" on Sunday June 10th. The wheeled answer to Bay to Breakers starts between 7:30 & 8:15 at the Marina Safeway. Advance registration at the AYH at 425 Divisadero, S.F.

NORTH BEACH AT CANDLESTICK

Seven dollars gets you a ticket to see the Giants close out the Phillies on August 25th, curtesy of the North Beach Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are at participating merchants or by calling 673-2522. I'm told the official shout is: "Plaster the Phony Phillies."

CULTURE?

The Hill has its own thespians in the Tel Hill Repertory, art exhibits in ubiquitous cafes, and a permanent off Broadway venue with a 33 year lease on Banyon Place. The Semaphore needs a volunteer to keep it's members up-to-date. Please call Clyde at 398-8093.

ARCHITECTURAL CRUISE

You can cruise San Francisco Bay with a guide to the city's architectural skyline on June 23rd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations from Heritage at 2007 Franklin, San Francisco, CA., (415) 441-3000. Tickets are \$40.

PARIS ARCHITECTURAL

You can also cruise Paris France with Telegraph Hill resident, Sidney Hollister. The walking architectural tour includes both old Paris and the controversial new buildings of re-vamped Paris. For information on the \$2495 tour call Sid at (415) 433-1870.

FILM BUFFS

The Cannery Theater has been converted to a classic film house under the guidance of Frank Lee, Jr. and Fletcher Beaumont. You can now see Dr Zhivago and the Maltese Falcon on the big screen instead of the little box.

NO DRINKS, JUST MUSIC

The new owner of the Stone on Broadway, John Nady, has applied to police for a permit to turn the rock venue into an after hours club. That means no alcohol just noise all the rest of the night.

FOOT PATH COMMITTEE

Residents of the Prescott Court area have formed a committee to carry on their campaign to retain the footpath access though the schoolyard at lower Broadway. The school recently closed the 20 year access. Over 100 neighbors have signed a petition to keep the access open. The committee is currently meeting with the Community Board to negotiate.

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President's Message...

too unspecific for many of its critics, the strategic plan can be detailed to look more specifically at the zone below Telegraph Hill. THD will press for more maritime and for commercially strong programs, clusters of Bay edge activities that allow large windows of public space, Bay enjoyment, access and views.

Embarcadero Parkway and Freeway

While the great Embarcadero Freeway, reconstruction debate has temporarily paused to widen its search for public funds for the roadway's undergrounding, there has been little new from the Port this Winter of Spring for the dock frontage between the Ferry Building north to the cruise boat piers. Look with satisfaction as construction of Pier 7's public open space and family fishing pier progresses at the foot of Broadway.

Boat Racing Below Telegraph Hill

Last month, I hope many of you enjoyed visiting Spain's tall-masted training brigantine with those gentlemanly officers-in-training welcoming you aboard. Among the off-shore motorboat racers who also arrived in April, actor Don Johnson roared alongside the handsome sailing ship, belting along

on a thinly disguised jet aircraft engine. Although the scene provided a noisy technological "time-warp", not everyone was comfortable with, the day provided a festive regatta of color, entertainment free for all to watch, with food and fresh air at the water's edge just a short walk from home.

Bon Voyage Cheryl, Hello Clyde

As Cheryl Bentley departs for a well earned rest, this first edition of the Semaphore under Clyde Steiner's able editing will give you news of Upper Montgomery reconstruction, Earth Day, the safeguarding of plants and trees on upper Filbert Steps from errant earthmovers, concern for the health of local businesses while the broken freeway clogs commercial and tourist access and much more. What I hope will warm your hearts from this Semaphore is the sense of the timely, the not so timely, the not always successful, but the generous and continuing efforts poured into the enhancement of life on this Hill by your neighbors.

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☐ Crime Prevention

☐ Northern Waterfront

☐ Social

☐ Environmental Control

☐ Parking & Traffic

☐ Transit (MUNI)

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Catherine Donnelly, Membership Chair

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have joined THD since the last Semaphore went to press: Anne Agnew, Greg and Tammy Anderson, Barbara Blake, Tim Brenneman, Jarilyn and Steve Cerruti, Josef Cooper and Tracy Kirkham, Barbara Jo Di Grande, Charles Eley and Miriam Phillips, Burr and O'Brien Heneman, Marie Lee, Thomas and Runa Magowan, Michael Marsh, Thomas McGarry, Connie Mihos, Steve Ridlon, Juanita Rincon, Scott Schwartz and Roxanne Richards, Jonathan Seiger, John Thrall, and Ann Zachar; and welcome back to Gerald Lubenow.

MEMBERSHIP TERM

At the General Membership Meeting on February 26 the membership voted to approve an amendment to the Bylaws which changes our dues

payment from a fiscal year basis (due on April 1 each year) to an annual basis with an anniversary date.

Each member will be assigned an anniversary date. Members who were on the roster on April 1, 1989 have been assigned an April 1 anniversary date. From now on their dues will be payable on that date every year. (If a member with an April 1 date pays dues in May, this will not affect the April 1 due date the following year.) New members will be assigned an anniversary date of the month in which they join.

April and May dues have been mailed. Thanks to those members who have paid promptly, and to those who sent a contribution. If you haven't yet responded to your dues notice, please remit so that we do not have to go to the expense of sending a second notice.

If you have any questions about your particular situation, or about the new system in general, please call me at 986-0472.

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Location of Property _____

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